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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ORAL STATEMENT AND "NON PAPER"
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AS FOR THE POSITION OF THE PLO LEADERSHIP REGARDING THE ACCEPTANCE OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 242, A.A. GROMYKO MEANS TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION DURING HIS FORTH-COMING TALKS IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 22-23.

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